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SUBJECT: FAO CONSULTATION ON SHORT-TERM CEREAL

PROBLEM, NOVEMBER 29

REF: STATE 261556

1. FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA CALLED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO TO HIS OFFICE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 28 AND GAVE FULLER REACTION TO REPRESENTATIVE'S DEMARCHE OF PREVIOUS DAY, EITHER ON BASIS OF HIS OWN REFLECTION AFTER PRESSURE OF DISCUSSION OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP HAD PASSED, OR OF REPRESENTATIVE'S BACK-UP COMMUNICATION OF SAME DEMARCHE TO AZIZ.

2. BOERMA STATED CATEGORICALLY TWICE THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING STATEMENT THAT WOULD EMBARRASS OR PUT ON SPOT UNITED STATES OR ANYONE ELSE. IN AFTERMATH OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, HE BELIEVES HE MUST MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE AND FORTHCOMING STATEMENT AFTER CONSULTATION, BUT HE RECOGNIZES THIS IS NOT ONE-SHOT OPERATION.

3. HE AGAIN SIGNALLED THAT HIS EXPECTATIONS OF UNITED STATES CONCERN ONLY AVAILABILITIES, NOT FINANCING. HE

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UNDERSTANDS WE DO NOT HAVE EXPORT CONTROLS ON CEREALS. HE

WILL NOT PRESS FOR CONTROLS, AND WILL LEAVE IT TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES HOW THEY WILL MAINTAIN AVAILABILITIES, BUT HE URGES UNITED STATES TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO PREVENT CEREAL SUPPLY FROM BEING DISSIPATED THROUGH COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO POINT IT CANNOT HELP SATISFACTORILY MEET REQUIREMENTS. ON FINANCING, HE RECOGNIZES BURDEN ON UNITED STATES AND OTHER MAJOR EXPORTERS HAS BEEN HEAVY, AND HE WILL LOOK TO OTHER SOURCES INITIALLY (ALTHOUGH PROBABLY NOT EXCLUSIVELY).

4. BOERMA SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE BEFOREHAND. BELL, SERVICE, AND NORRED WILL THEREFORE GO EARLY TO FAO HEADQUARTERS TO SEE HIM BEFORE CONSULTATION BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M. VOLPE

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